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SUBJECT: FRG POSITION ON WFC

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1. SUMMARY: IN GENERAL THE GERMAN POSITION ON EACH OF THE 10 RESOLUTIONS PARALLELS THAT OF THE USG. THE FRG DOES NOT ENVISAGE ANY INCREASE IN EC FOOD AID ABOVE PRESENT LEVELS. IT HOPES THAT ITS PROPOSAL OF A CONSULTATIVE GROUP WILL SUPPLANT THE PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS. THE GERMAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AGRICULTURAL MINISTER ERTL.
END SUMMARY

2. EMBOFF PRESENTED THE US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN
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REFTELS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UN ECONOMIC

AFFAIRS EXPERT DITTMANN. IN RESPONSE DITTMANN
PROVIDED THE GERMAN POSITION ON INDIVIDUAL PROPOSALS.

3. IN GENERAL THE GERMAN POSITION ON EACH OF THE 10
RESOLUTIONS PARALLELS THAT OF THE USG. AS PRESENTLY
DRAFTED RESOLUTION I CONTAINS A REFERENCE TO THE
ACTION PROGRAM OF THE UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.
THE FRG INTENDS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ITS SUPPORT
OF THIS RESOLUTION DOES NOT IMPLY SUPPORT FOR THE
ACTION PROGRAM AS A WHOLE. WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTION
III THE FRG IS READY TO SUPPORT BOTH THE FERTILIZER
SUPPLY SCHEME AND THE FERTILIZER POOL. HOWEVER IT
OPPOSES THE SRI LANKA SUGGESTION OF A FERTILIZER FUND.
THE FRG SHARES OUR CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTION
V. WHILE THE FRG SUPPORTS THE FOOD INFORMATION SYSTEM
PROPOSED IN RESOLUTION VI, IT BELIEVES THE SYSTEM
CAN ONLY FUNCTION IF BOTH THE USSR AND THE PEOPLES
REPUBLIC OF CHINA PARTICIPATE IN IT. WITH REGARD
TO RESOLUTION VII THE FRG SUPPORTS DISCUSSIONS
WITHIN THE GATT FRAMEWORK ON AN INTERNATIONAL
SYSTEM OF NATIONAL RESERVES.

4. THE FRG CONSIDERS RESOLUTION VIII ON FOOD AID
AS ONE OF THE MORE IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS. IT
SUPPORTS CONTINUING FOOD AID AT EXISTING LEVELS,
BUT IT FEELS THAT THE GUARANTEE EVEN OF EXISTING
LEVELS IS PROBLEMATICAL GIVEN THE BRITISH AND
DANISH OBJECTIONS TO FOOD AID. IT ALSO OPPOSES THE
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DANISH OBJECTIONS TO FOOD AID. IT ALSO OPPOSES THE
PROPOSAL TO CHANNEL A MAJOR PORTION OF FOOD AID
THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP), BUT IT
BELIEVES THAT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF
DONORS OF THE WFP MIGHT BE THE BEST MECHANISM FOR
INSURING EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF FOOD AID. THE
FRG SHARES OUR VIEW THAT PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS
ARE IMPRACTICAL AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST ANY PROPOSED

INTERNATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES. IT IS ALSO IN FAVOR
OF EMERGENCY BI-LATERAL ASSISTANCE.

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5. THE FRG FEELS THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD
PUSH HARD FOR A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE FOOD/
POPULATION RELATIONSHIP.

6. THE FRG IS OPPOSED TO BOTH NEW BODIES AND NEW
FUNDS. IN CASE THE PROPOSED NEW AGRICULTURAL FUND
RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT, IT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN A
CONSENSUS RESOLUTION APPROVING IT AND WOULD
ABSTAIN IF A VOTE WERE FORCED. DITTMANN EXPECTS
THIS FOOD PROPOSAL TO DIE, HOWEVER, AND HE THINKS

THE GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD WORK TO KILL IT IF
NECESSARY. IF SUCH AN APPROACH IS NOT FEASIBLE, HOWEVER,
THE FRG WOULD FAVOR THE PROCEDURAL PLOY OF REFERRING
THE PROPOSAL TO ECOSOC.
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7. THE FRG WAS ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE PROPOSAL
FOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON INVESTMENT IN LDC'S.
IT ENVISAGES THE GROUP BEING A COMPOSITION OF THE
IBRD, FAO, UNDP, WFP, AS WELL AS SELECTED DONOR
AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. IT WOULD
PREFER THAT THE GROUP BE CENTERED IN ROME AND UTILIZE
THE FAO STAFF AND FACILITIES AS A SECRETARIAT.
SUCH A GROUP COULD BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR BOTH THE
DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION
PROPOSALS.

8. THE FRG DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AGRICULTURAL
MINISTER ERTL. ERTL PLANS TO ARRIVE IN ROME THE
5TH AND DEPART THE 7TH. IN ERTL'S
ABSENCE THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AGRICULTURAL
MINISTRY ASSTSEC PIRKMAYR. DELEGATION WILL
INCLUDE SPECKS AND GRABISCH FROM THE AGRICULTURAL
MINISTRY'S DITTMANN OPPELT FROM THE AID MINISTRY;
RETIRED AMBASSADOR LAHR, WHO IS THE CURRENT GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, AND OTHER OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE
MINISTRIES.
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